

# Canadian Beef Market Update & Outlook

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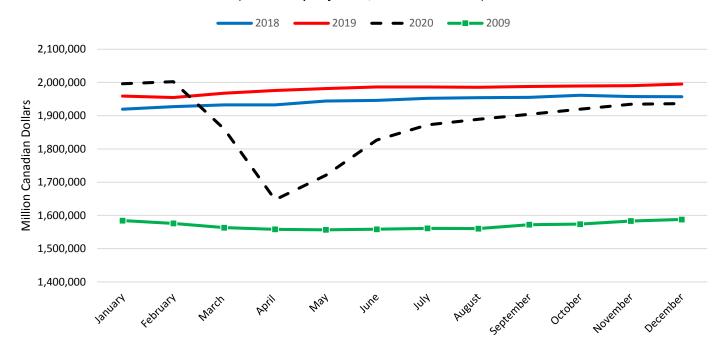
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# GDP down 5.4% in 2020 and projected up 4.7% in 2021, but still down 0.7% from 2019

Canadian GDP at Basic Prices (seasonally adjusted; 2012 unchained)



Source: Statistics Canada





## Consumer spending firmly within retail versus food service

# Dining spending down 14.5% March 10 (YoY) Grocery spending up 13.7%



Source: RBC Economics, RBC Data & Analytics

#### Online retail trend growing in Canada



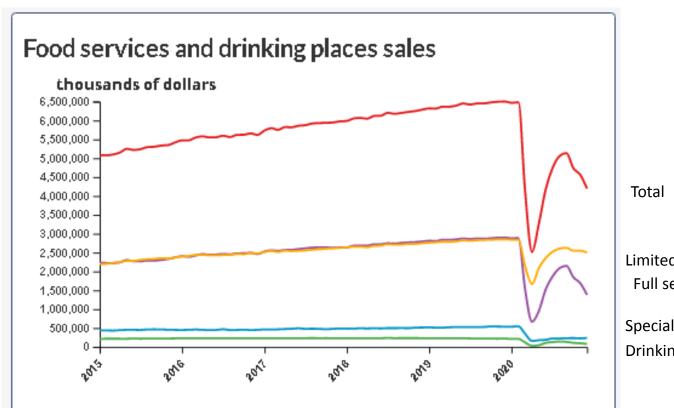
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## Foodservice: YoY contraction while MoM loses momentum

- Sales November to December 2020 moved down 8%
- Limited service down 11.9% YoY (December)
- Full service down 52.2 % YoY (December)
- Special service down 54.7% YoY (December)



Limited service Full service

Special service Drinking places

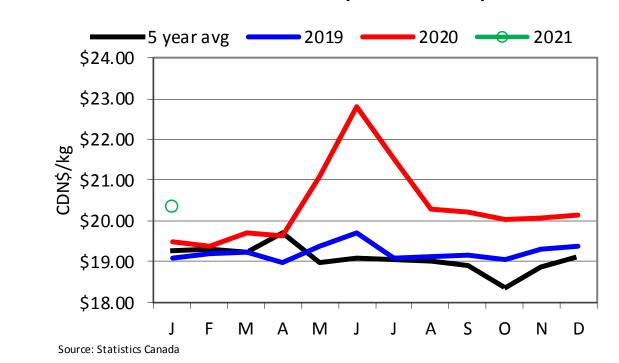
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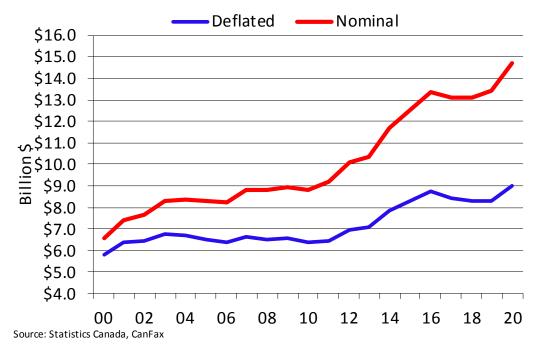
# Retail beef prices averaged \$20/kg in 2020; up 6% from LY and +5% from the five-year

#### **Retail Beef Prices (Not Deflated)**



#### **Canadian Beef Expenditures**

Domestic Disappearance\* Retail Price



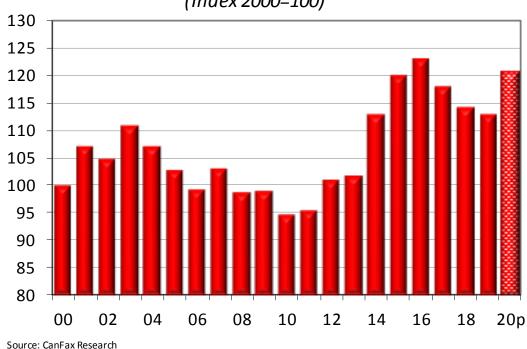


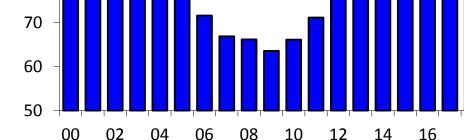


**International Beef Demand Index** (2000=100)

# Demand Indices: Retail +6.8%; Wholesale +10.2%; International +3.3%

## **Canadian Retail Beef Demand Index** (Index 2000=100)





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Source: Cranfield 2012, CRS

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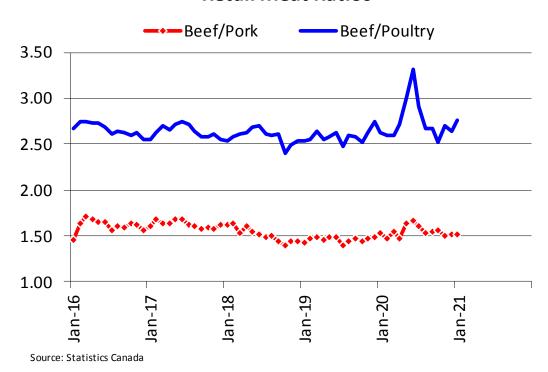
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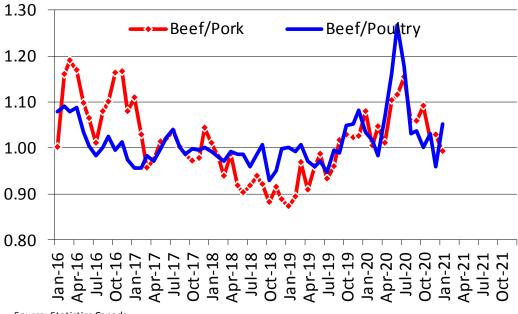


# Price ratios are back in-line with year ago levels at the beginning of 2021

#### **Retail Meat Ratios**



# Retail Meat Ratios: Year Over Year Comparison









## CDN Red Meat supplies were up 0.7 kg/capita in 2020

Beef +1.9% and Pork +2.1%

Pork production was up 7.2% in 2020

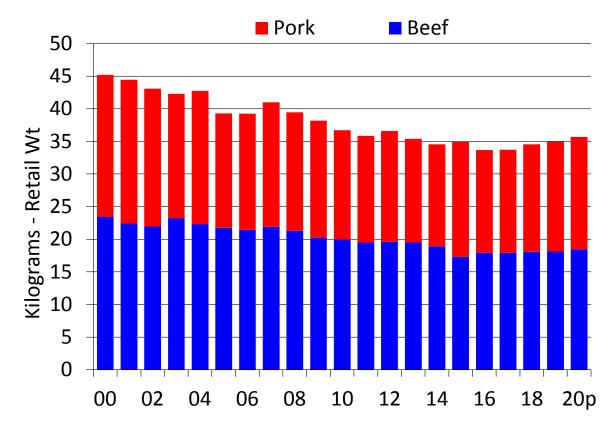
Pork Exports +11.5%

Pork Imports +6.8%

Net Supplies +2.1%

Red Meat supplies the largest since 2015; but well below historical levels

#### **Red Meat Consumption**





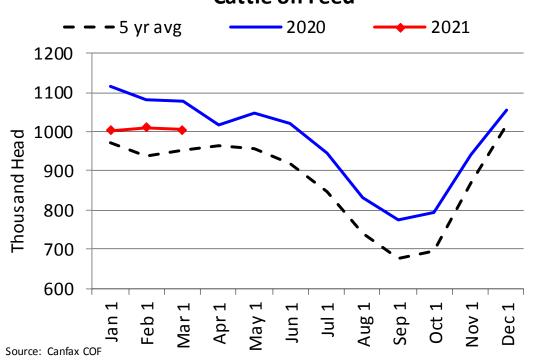




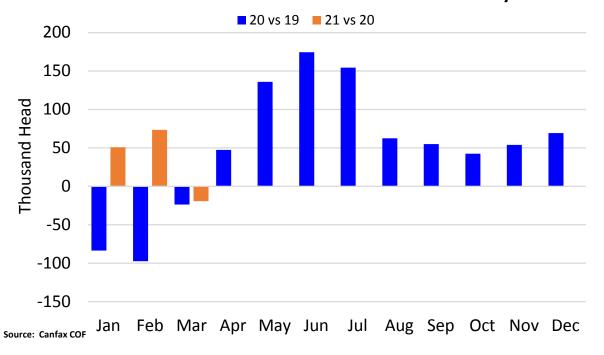


# Mar 1 COF down 7% from year ago (72K head) Cattle on Feed 120+ days up 19,000 head from 5yr avg

# Alberta and Saskatchewan Cattle on Feed



#### Alberta and Saskatchewan Cattle on Feed 120+ Days

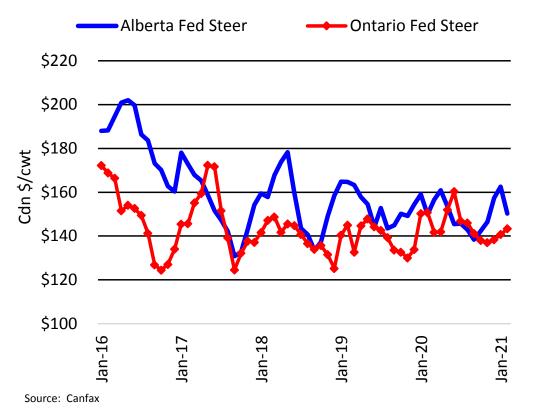






# AB fed price \$6/cwt discount to ON in 2020





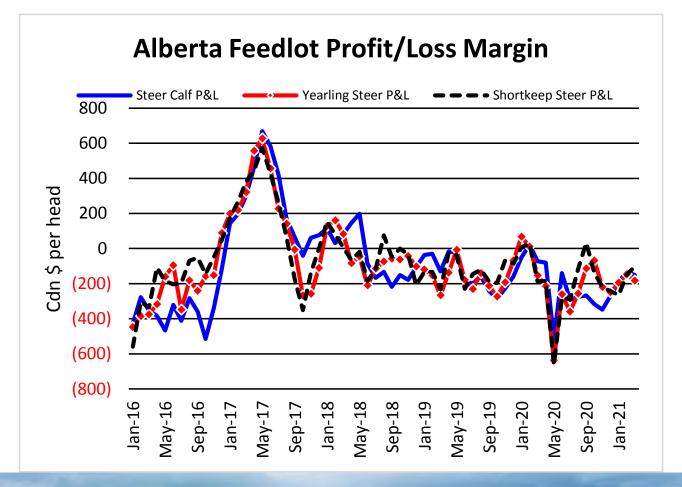
AB fed price was at a \$1-\$27/cwt discount to ON from February to November 2020.

AB fed prices back to a \$2-8/cwt premium in December to February 2021.



# Feedlot Margins disappointing...

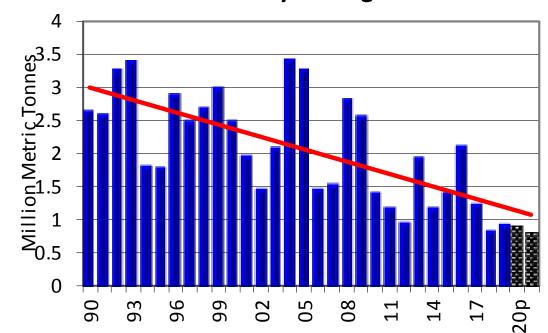
Cash settlements have been in the red since March 2020



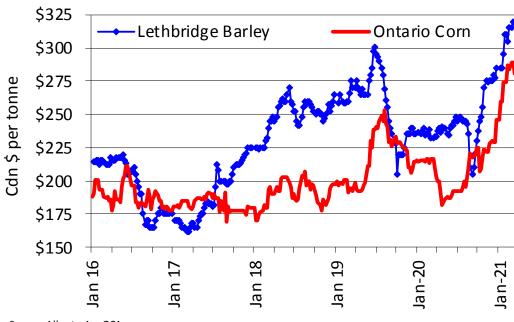


# **Feed prices:** in March 2021 Barley \$320/tonne On Corn \$280/tonne; NE Corn CDN\$277/tonne

#### **Canadian Barley Ending Stocks**



#### **Alberta Barley vs Ontario Corn Price**



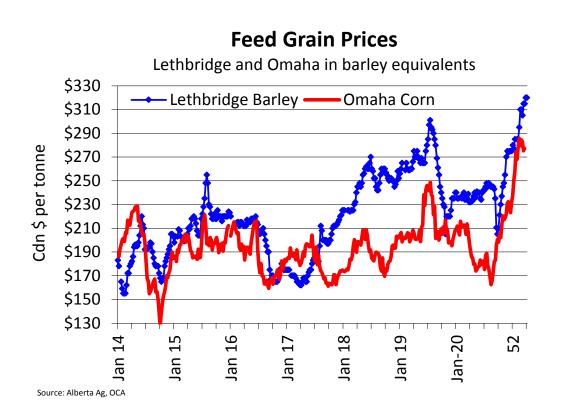
Source: Alberta Ag, OCA

Source: AAFC, Staatistics Canada

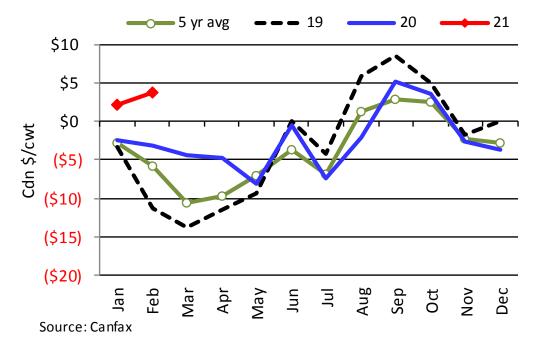




## Feeder basis was strong in Q1, 2021



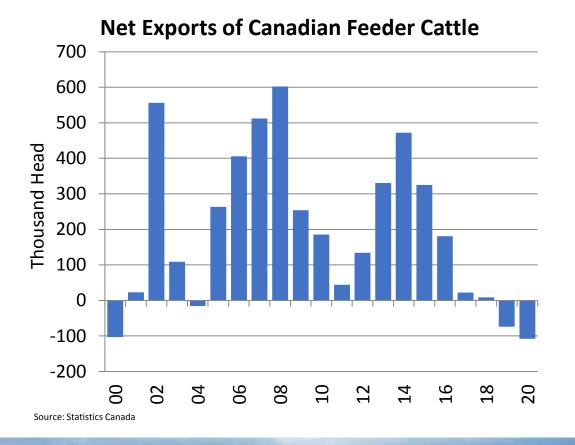
#### Alberta Feeder Basis, 850 lb Steer







# CDN feeder exports -14% to 157,000 head US feeder imports +3% to 265,000 head



Net Importer by 108,000 head

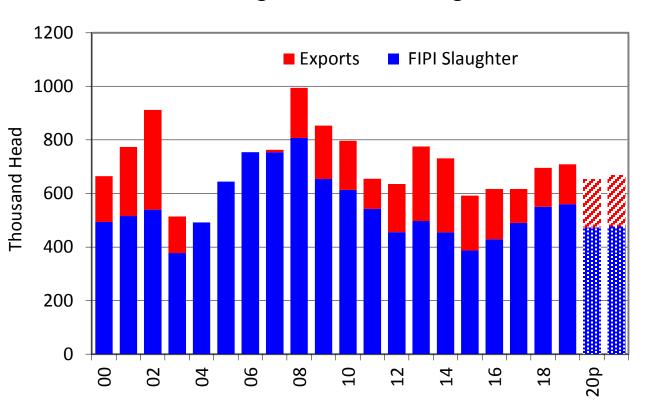
Imports surpassed previous high of 257,000 head made in 2019. Despite the feed cost disadvantage.



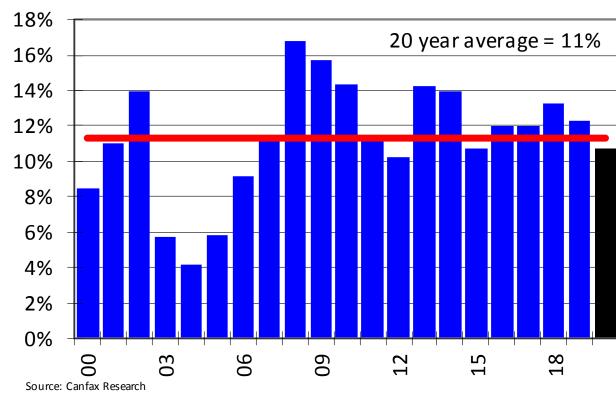


## Cow marketings -10%; Culling rates drop to 10.7%

#### **Canadian Slaughter Cow Marketings**



#### **Canadian Beef Cow Culling Rate**

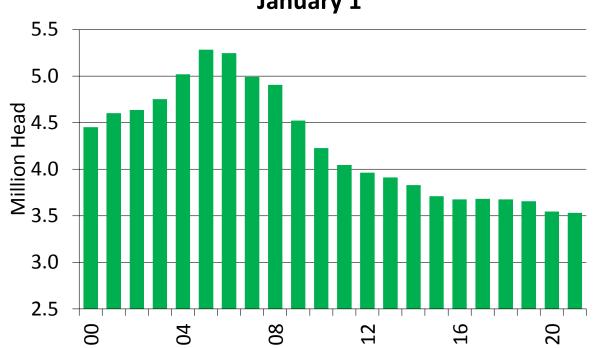


Source: CBGA, AAFC, Statistics Canada

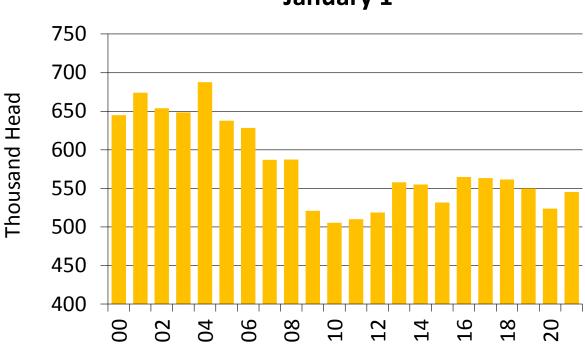


# January 1<sup>st</sup> Beef cows -0.4%; Breeding heifers +4.1% overall +0.2% or 9,000 head

# **Canadian Beef Cow Numbers January 1**



# Canadian Beef Heifers (Breeding) January 1



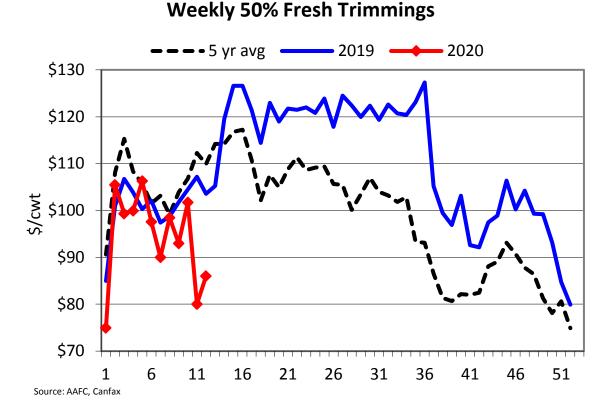
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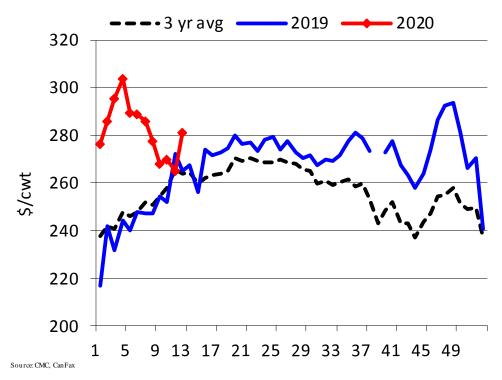


## Trim prices: driven by foodservice demand

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#### **Weekly 85% Fresh Trimmings**

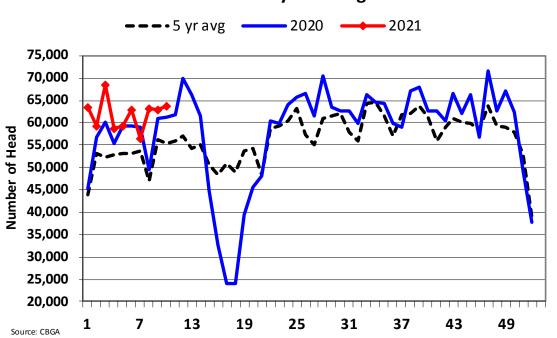




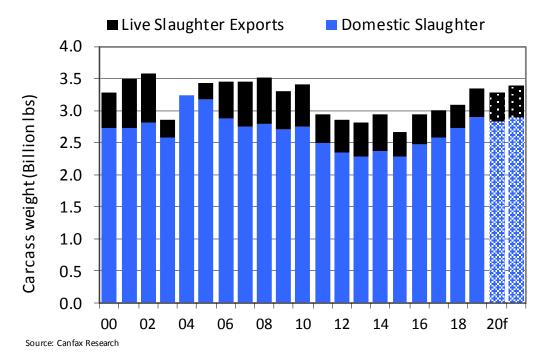


# YTD slaughter +9%, Carcass weight +2%, production +12%

#### **Canadian Weekly F.I. Slaughter**



#### **Canadian Beef Production**

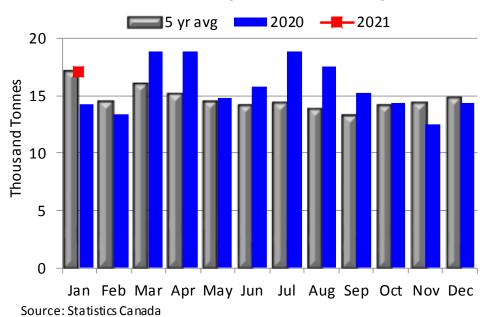




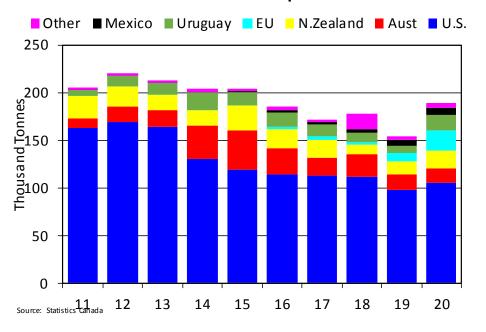


# 2020 imports up 23% in volume at 189,000 tonnes, 5.7% above the five-year average

#### **Canadian Monthly Beef and Veal Imports**



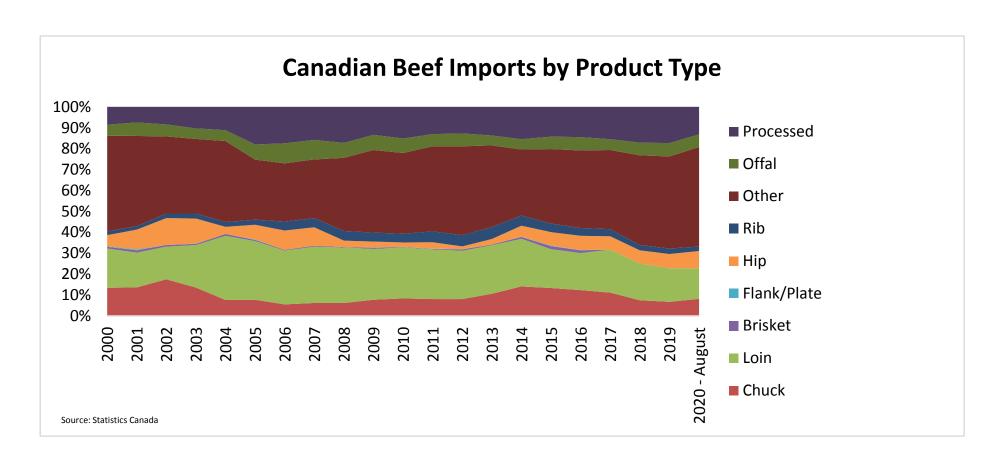
#### **Canadian Beef Imports**







# Other Cuts make up ~40% of imports



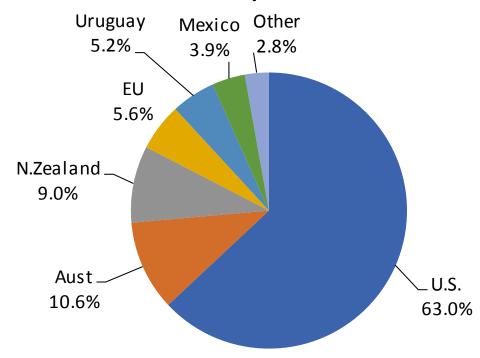


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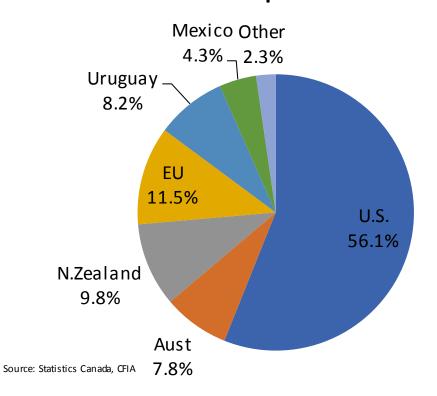


# **Shifting Import Suppliers**

#### **Canadian Beef Imports 2019**



#### **Canadian Beef Imports 2020**

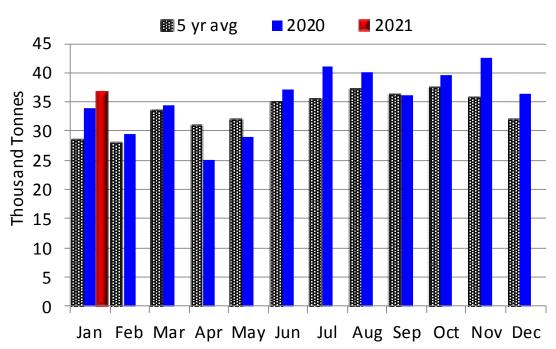




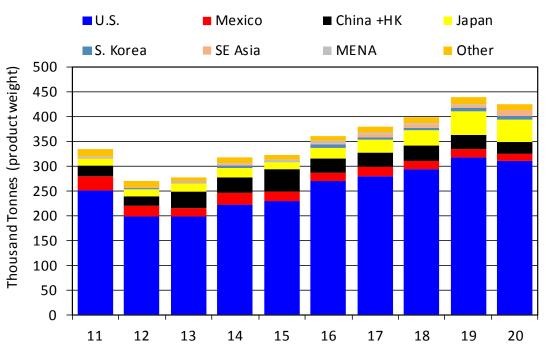


# Canadian beef exports -3% in volume and +1.2% in value In January, beef exports were up 9% in volume and 6.8% in value

#### **Canadian Monthly Beef and Veal Exports**



#### **Canadian Beef Export Volume**



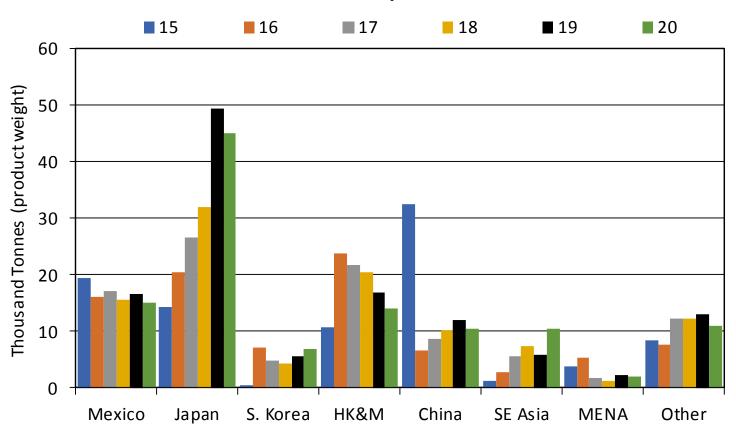
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## International demand +3.3% in '20 after being +6% in '19.

#### **Canadian Beef Export Volume**



#### Top Markets:

- 1. US 73%
- 2. Jap 11%
- 3. China/HK 6%
- 4. Mex 4%

Source: Statistics Canada, CFIA





# Slight increase in the per unit export price

